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- 1. ATTORNEY REPRESENTING CHRISTOPHER CROSS, OWNER OF BUILDING AT 40 EAST 38TH STREET, HAS WRITTEN AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FOR CROSS WHO CONTENDS HIS PROPERTY RIGHTS ARE BEING DISREGARDED BY EAST GERMANS WHO ARE ERECTING AN EXTENSION AT REAR OF GDR MISSION AT 58 PARK AVENUE.
- 2. AT SAME TIME LETTER FROM ATTORNEY WAS SENT TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG, ARTICLE APPEARED IN MARCH 22ND ISSUE OF NEW YORK NEWS CONCERNING PROBLEM BETWEEN CROSS AND EAST GERMANS. CROSS IS ALLEGED TO HAVE STATED THAT EAST GERMANS WERE BUILDING A NEW VERSION OF BERLIN WALL IN BACK OF BUILDING. ATTORNEY FOR EAST GERMANS IS SAID TO HAVE EXPLAINED THAT THEY WERE PUTTING A ROOF OVER A COURT YARD THAT BACKS UP TO CROSS' BUILDING.
- 3. WE SPOKE MORNING OF MARCH 23RD TO CORNELIUS DENNIS, MANHATTAN BOROUGH SUPERINTENDENT OF DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS, CONCERNING CASE. HE ADVISED THAT ARCHITECT AND ATTORNEY FOR GDR MISSION HAD GIVEN PLANS TO BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT ON MARCH 4TH. HE SAID HE HAD CHECKED APPLICATION AND FELT MISSION'S PLANS WERE IN COMPLIANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH NEW YORK CITY BUILDING CODE. HOWEVER, A FURTHER EXAMINATION IS BEING MADE TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE BUILDING AND ZONING LAWS.

4. WE ARE STAYING ON TOP OF SITUATION AND WILL ADVISE OF DEVELOPMENTS. YOUNG

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